



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Behavioral Wellness
Department No.: 043
For Agenda Of: June 6, 2023
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Antonette Navarro, LMFT, Director
Director(s) Department of Behavioral Wellness 805-681-5220
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**SUBJECT: Behavioral Wellness – Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians Agreement for
Fiscal Years (FY) 2022-25 Regarding Santa Ynez Tribal Health Clinic (SYTHC)
Services**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians on behalf of its **Santa Ynez Tribal Health Clinic (SYTHC)** for Prevention and Early Intervention mental health services, for a total Maximum Contract Amount not to exceed **\$379,110**, inclusive of \$48,000 under Purchase Order CN2263 but which otherwise cancels, nullifies, and supersedes Purchase Order CN2263, for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025;
- B. Delegate to the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness or designee the authority to suspend, delay, or interrupt services under the Agreement for convenience per Section 20 of the Agreement; make immaterial changes to the Agreement per Section 26 of the Agreement; adjust the provisional rate per Exhibit B of the Agreement; approve in writing in the year end cost settlement that use of the County Maximum Allowable rate was waived for settlement purposes per Exhibit B of the Agreement; and amend the program goals, outcomes, and measures per Exhibit E of the Agreement, all without altering the Maximum Contract Amount and without requiring the Board's approval of an amendment of the Agreement, subject to the Board's ability to rescind this delegated authority at any time;

- C. Provide other direction to staff on the Agreement and its terms as deemed appropriate; and
- D. Determine that the above actions are government fiscal activities or funding mechanisms which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment, and are therefore not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to request approval of the FY 22-25 Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians on behalf of its Santa Ynez Tribal Health Clinic (SYTHC) for a total Maximum Contract Amount not to exceed **\$379,110**, inclusive of \$48,000 under Purchase Order CN2263 but which otherwise cancels, nullifies, and supersedes Purchase Order CN2263, for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025. The Department of Behavioral Wellness (BWell) currently contracts with SYTHC through Purchase Order Agreement CN2263 for FY 22-24. BWell and the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians wish to expand the scope of SYTHC services provided under the Agreement, resulting in a new contract maximum amount which exceeds the Purchase Order threshold of \$200,000, necessitating a Board Contract. Approval of the recommended actions will allow the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians to expand SYTHC services to include additional programs, staff, and geographic regions served.

Background:

The Santa Ynez Tribal Health Clinic (SYTHC) is dedicated to providing comprehensive medical, dental, and behavioral health services. It is located on the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians reservation, federally recognized since 1901. The clinic offers medical and dental care and community health education activities designed to enhance health awareness and practices in the Native American Community. Home visits to tribal residents needing services, from newborns to elders, are available. Referrals to outside medical and non-medical services are provided. The Santa Ynez Tribal Health Clinic has achieved mature contractor status with the Indian Health Service and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The Clinic is a certified FQHC (Federally Qualified Health Center) Medi-Cal/Medicare facility. The core mission of SYTHC is to serve Native Americans living in Santa Barbara County; however, the Clinic serves the public, providing sliding fees based on income and accepts Medicare, Medi-Cal, and most major insurance plans. The services that the Santa Ynez Tribal Health Clinic offers are expansive: including primary medical, dental and behavioral health services to include family practice, pediatrics, general dentistry, individual and family psychotherapy, psychiatry and substance abuse services. Specialty services include chiropractic, nutrition and podiatry. The clinic provides over 20,000 patient visits per year with an active patient population of more than 7,400.

This Board Contract expands the scope of services beyond the existing Purchase Order CN2263 and includes programs such as adult and youth talking circles, support groups for parents, culturally-specific workshops, Wellness Gatherings for Youth and Family and Prevention trainings for community-based organizations and community leaders and for school children. SYTHC is expanding their services to include serving at-risk indigenous populations in the Lompoc and Santa Maria areas. Additionally, SYTHC has been awarded a Federal Substance Use and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Mental Health Awareness Training Grant (MHAT) that will support the current services SYTHC is providing with one-time mental health trainings and events. The SAMHSA MHAT grant will support SYTHC outreach efforts and allow SYTHC to reach more community members and connect them to the services this Board Contract will provide. SYTHC will apply a wellness and recovery approach and include activities specifically designed for the County's indigenous population's culture and/or native language. Services will be provided primarily in North and Mid-County.

Performance Measure:

The Program Goals are as follows:

1. Provide Prevention programs and activities intended to reduce risk factors and increase protective factors for at risk populations, including indigenous populations, in the community.
2. Empower individuals, family members, and community members to identify and enhance culturally specific wellness practices.
3. Reduce disparities in availability of mental health support for unserved/underserved communities.
4. Prevent the onset of serious mental illness and/or provide early intervention services for individuals who may experience an emerging mental health condition.
5. Serve as liaisons to provide service linkage in settings where mental health services are not traditionally located such as community health clinics, educational institutions, or other community settings.

Performance Outcomes:

In FY 2021-22, SYTHC achieved the following:

- Clients Served: They served a total of 598 unique clients, with an average of 150 individual clients per quarter, exceeding the goal of 215 unique clients per year.
- Community Trainings: They held 5 community trainings, one in Q1 and four in Q2, exceeding the goal of 2 per year.
- Support Groups: They held 82 support groups, averaging about 21 per quarter, exceeding the goal of 12 per quarter.
- Educational and Informational Publications created in English and appropriate language(s): They created 1,559 publications, exceeding the goal of 500 per year.
- Disseminate Information / Resources at Health Fairs: They distributed at 5 Health Fairs, exceeding the goal of 3 per year.
- Meetings with Community Leaders: They met with community leaders 12 times, exceeding the goal of 4 times per year.
- Workshops: They held 4 workshops, meeting the goal of 4 per year.
- Bi-Weekly Support Groups: There were no support groups for clients 25 years of age or younger. There was an average of 138 adults who were 26 years of age or older who received bi-weekly support group services per quarter.
- Total Number of unduplicated English-speaking clients averaged about 77 per quarter. There were none reported for Spanish-speaking clients.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Funding Sources	FY 22-23 Cost:	FY 23-24 Cost:	FY 24-25 Cost:	Total Cost for FY 22-25:
General Fund				
State	\$ 126,370	\$ 126,370	\$ 126,370	\$ 379,110
Federal				
Fees				
Other:				
Total	\$ 126,370	\$ 126,370	\$ 126,370	\$ 379,110

Narrative: The above-referenced agreement is funded by State Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funds. The funding sources were included in the FY 22-23 Adopted Budget.

Key Contract Risks:

As with any contract funded by State sources, there is a risk of future audit disallowances and repayments. Behavioral Wellness contracts include language requiring contractors to repay any amounts disallowed in audit findings, minimizing financial risks to the County.

In order for any agreement to be enforceable by the County, the Tribe must provide an express waiver of sovereign immunity. As the Tribe has not offered to provide a waiver of sovereign immunity, BWell acknowledges this as a key contract risk. However, BWell has previously contracted with SYTHC for over a decade, and the unique services provided by SYTHC are invaluable to at-risk and underserved groups, including the County’s indigenous population. No other contractor in the County provides these services at this time.

Special Instructions:

Please return one (1) Minute Order and one (1) executed Agreement to Bethany Le at bethle@sbcbswell.org and to the BWell Contracts Division at bwellcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: SYTHC Agreement FY 22-25 Board Contract
- Attachment B: SYTHC Purchase Order CN2263 Executed

Authored by:

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